



**DOMESTIC ARREARS STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2020
AT CONFERENCE HALL
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ZAMFARA STATE**

**DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ZAMFARA STATE**

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 2020 DOMESTIC ARREARS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING SFTAS (PforR) PROGRAM

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Kabiru Mohammed	Permanent Secretary	MBEP	Chairman
2. Muhammad Salihu Anka	Accountant General	MOF	Member
2. Dalhatu Musa Morai	Director Planning	MBEP	Member
3. Abdullahi Yahaya Kaura	Director Funds	MOF	Member
4. Surajo Hassan	Director Financial Reforms	MOF	Member
5. Sani Muhammad Nakwada	Director Debt Mgt	MOF	Member
6. Aminu Musa	Director Consolidated Acct	MOF	Member
7. Hamza Salihu	Director Budget	MBEP	Member
8. Abdullahi Suleiman	DD DMO	MOF	Secretary

AGENDA

- i. Opening prayer
- ii. Brief on domestic arrears committee term of reference.
- iii. Settlement of contractors and gratuity arrears.
- iv. Way forward
- v. other matters.

1. Opening Prayer:

The meeting was started around 1:34 pm on Monday 28th December, 2020 with opening prayer by Dalhatu Musa Morai in which he prayed for the success of the committee assignment.

2. Brief on the domestic arrears frame work

The committee was initially formed with 8 memberships of Officers from the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning aimed at to provide a professional advice to the leadership of the ministry concerning domestic expenditure arrears DLI 8 of the SFTAS program.

Term of Reference

1. To achieve **Basic target:** the committee should ensure a decline of at least 5% in the Stock of total domestic expenditure arrears of the State, at the end of the year

compare to the previous year or maintain the stock of arrears below 5Billion naira.

2. Strength target: Should also ensure at least a 20% year-on-year decline in the stock of total domestic expenditure arrears at the end of the year, compared to the previous year.

3. The arrears verification process should be enforced and arrears be categorised into valid, contested and rejected.

4. The work of the committee should also cover prioritization of arrears for settlement and management of the arrears clearance framework.

5. Advising the Accountant General on any matter with regard to domestic arrears clearance framework ACF etc.

The committee after a long discussion on the terms and conditions of the domestic arrears framework were fully understood by the members the chairman seek-out for cooperation in seeing the success of the committee.

Settlement of contractors and gratuity arrears

The committee after careful deliberations on the settlement of contractors and Gratuity arrears, they go through the available data on the templates to select and compare the payments executed by the State government as thus:

In 2019 the state government were able to settle two contractors from the available data captured on the templates as :

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S/no	Contract Award year	Payment Date	Contractor Name	Purpose	Amount Paid
1	2015	25/2/2020	USK (S) Venture	Purchase of 100 Units Housing	N316,513,915.13

				Estate at Tsauni Area Gusau	
2	2011	10/3/2020	Sahabi Liman Kaura	Construction, Renovation, Modification of Police Barrack & Commissioner of Police Residence.	N179,985,117.19
3	2008	17/8/2020	Alh. Shehu Danfulani Maidoya	Supply of 15nos Transformers 500KVA/33/0.45 Simens or equivalent.	18,173,603.00
	Total				514,672,635.32

SETTLEMENT OF RETIREMENT GRATUITY

Zamfara State Government on monthly basis is realising **One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00)** for the payment of Retirement, Contract and Death benefits, gratuities arrears to beneficiaries which as at the month of December, 2020 there is a total of **One Billion, Two Hundred & Thirty Four Million, Nine Hundred & Eleven Thousand, Four hundred & Ninety Six Naira Fourthly Three Kobo (N1,234,911,496.43)** as gratuity arrears incurred between January to December, 2020 against the State Government.

As at December, 2020 a **Sum of Eight Hundred Million Naira (N800,000,000.00) Only** was settled as gratuity to the retired civil servants in the State.

Summary of arrears settled between 2019 and 2020

Arrears Type	2019	2020
Contractors Arrears	2,052,208,419.14	514,672,635.32
Pension & Gratuity Arrears	1,166,590,636.60	800,000,000.00

Way forward

The committee further recommend on hastening to ensure collection of other data liabilities from MDAs in the State so as to make the total domestic arrears of the state government.

Other matters

The committee member extend their Good will messages to the State Government on the coming IVA's to the State for 2020 verification exercise. In the absence of any other matter the meeting came to an end around 3:24 pm with closing prayer by Dalahtu Musa Morai.



Abdullahi Suleiman
SFTAS State Secretary